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Sir:

In consequence of the well over 3 years that has passed since the filing of this application, with the application still waiting substantive examination, applicants desire to facilitate a rapid prosecution of the above-identified application.

Applicants therefore request that in future examination of this application, the assigned USPTO examiner telephone the undersigned attorney (telephone: (919) 419-9350) to discuss any issues that may be susceptible to telephonic resolution, so that the prosecution of this application is expedited.

It is noted that the application is pending with 13 claims, with claims 1-11 directed to a method for storing and/or transporting in vitro two-dimensional cell cultures, and with claims 12-13

directed to a kit for storing and/or transporting in vitro two-dimensional cell cultures according to claim 1. Accordingly, the method and kit aspects of the applicants' invention are reflected in claims that are sufficiently closely related to one another to merit their consolidation in the further examination of this application.

Applicants hereby affirm their intention to do all things necessary to secure an early disposition of all issues involving this application, during the subsequent substantive examination thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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